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Total.....	20.58	
Paid out.....	19.25	
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Carried Forward.....		79.42

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Set aside for printing catalog of the Herbarium.....	25.00
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Regular Fund available for regular use.....	71.58
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	\$186.00
Special Fund created by Life Memberships and Transfers from the Emergency Fund.	
On Hand January 1, 1919.....	\$100.00
One Life Membership.....	15.00
Accrued interest.....	13.97
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	\$128.97

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. UNDERWOOD, *Treasurer*

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Kenneth Bradford Laird was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, in 1893. He attended the public schools of that town and early showed an interest in plant life. During his summers, which were spent at Pocasset, Massachusetts, he devoted much time to collecting. This love for collecting and knowing plants was always characteristic of him. He entered Massachusetts Agricultural College in the autumn of 1912. While a student here, he specialized in botany and distinguished himself by his good work in all his studies. Encouraged by Professor A. Vincent Osmun, Laird became especially interested in ferns and other cryptogams. It was the good fortune of the writer to be closely associated with him during his four years in college and "Kek" Laird is a friend never to be forgotten. After graduating from M. A. C. in 1916, Laird became a teacher of botany in the high school of Hartford, Connecticut. Here he remained one year, doing excellent work, when he was appointed instructor in botany at New Hampshire State College. An industrious and conscientious worker himself, he required his students to show a similar industry. Laird joined the army in the summer of 1918, being attached to the Sanitary Corps. While

in uniform he contracted influenza, and died of that disease in New Haven, Connecticut, in the autumn of 1918. His great love for plants, his skill as a pianist, and his enthusiasm and his kindness to everyone are a few of the principle characteristics of this man which we shall not forget.—WM. L. DORAN.

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Miss Lura L. Perrine, for 23 years a member of the Society, died recently at Vancouver, B. C. Miss Perrine was born in 1854. She graduated from Albion College and soon afterward took up teaching. After her father's death in 1882, the family, consisting of the mother and three daughters, moved to a prairie farm in North Dakota. They were the first family to settle in their township and among the first unmarried women to enter that region, but they faced bravely and successfully the labors and trials of pioneer life. Miss Perrine had her share in building up the local school system, and in 1892 was offered and accepted a position in the Valley City Normal School. She soon became head of the Department of Science in that institution and remained a member of its faculty until her death.

Herself full of enthusiastic interest in her subject, she was an unusually inspiring and successful teacher. In addition to her direct work of instruction, she founded a school museum which, under her direction became one of the best of its kind in the country, well stocked with illustrative material in all the branches of science taught.

Indigenous ferns are very rare in the prairie state of North Dakota. On the terraces of her yard, sloping to the river, Miss Perrine had a fern garden, in which various species brought by her from all the northern parts of the country from Maine to Vancouver Island, thrived under her care. "Her love for all plants was a veritable passion."

We are glad to be able to inform members interested that the indicators used in making the tests described in the article by Dr. Edgar T. Wherry can be obtained from the La Motte Chemical Products Co., 13 West Saratoga St., Baltimore, Md. The price of a set of six solutions, made up for field use, is \$2.85.—Adv.

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Owing to Mr. Maxon's absence on a collecting trip to Jamaica, the President's report is again delayed.